

**Remarks by Jeff Stuck,
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In Arizona, when it comes to Source Water Protection we think of the four P's

Public Health, Patience, Perseverance, and Partnering.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Safe and Clean Water

Safe Drinking Water

Multi-barrier approach

Logical first step in public health is preventing the problems before they occur

PATIENCE:

It will take time to accomplish the goals we discuss at this meeting

It will take time to have stakeholders contribute what is necessary, to the degree necessary, to accomplish our goals

It will take time to convince some stakeholders that they are stakeholders and their participation is essential to meeting our goals

It will take time to change beliefs in those who don't believe protection can work, those who believe protection is unrealistic idealism, and to educate a younger generation of this new approach to public health and environmental protection.

PERSEVERANCE:

We must continue to move forward despite the many challenges

We must not lose our energy or momentum on the path toward our goals

We must get on our soapbox and tout this program far and wide any chance we get

PARTNERING:

We must continue to seek out new partners

We must maintain our existing partners

We must recognize the differences we have with our partners, we must use our partners to resolve issues and move forward together with our partners on common ground, strength in numbers

As states, we are co-regulators with EPA and with source water protection we are co-policy makers with EPA as well

Because SWP takes place at the local level, we as states are the first to see SWP results. We believe in this program

SDWA '96 gave us the “What” for SWP...multi-barrier, assessments, protection...We are writing the road map and driving the road to the SDWA '96 “What”

ASDWA is very interested and active in developing this road map and also in demonstrating the successes on the path to, and in accomplishing our goals

This is a great forum, a great opportunity for you all and I would encourage each one of you to take advantage of this unique coming together as much as you possibly can